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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2600

As Amended by House Committee on Health
and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2600 would amend the Nuclear Energy Development and Radiation Control Act (Act) to increase the maximum annual licensing fees the Secretary of Health and Environment may assess for all categories of radiation protection services, except for waste disposal and processing licensing fees that are currently assessed at full cost. The bill would also require the assessment of an additional fee up to 50.0 percent of the maximum annual licensing fee for each noncontiguous site where radioactive material is stored or used under the same license, per category. "Noncontiguous site" would mean a location more than one mile away from the main safety office where licensure records are maintained.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). In the House Committee hearing, a representative of KDHE testified in support of the bill, stating the actual fees are set in regulation (KAR 28-35-147a) and are currently near the statutory maximum. The representative indicated KDHE does not plan to raise the fees in regulation at this time, but a future increase in regulatory fees may be needed to maintain the Radiation Control Program at KDHE. The representative stated a need to address fees for licenses involving

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

radioactive materials at multiple sites because the current license fee structure does not support the increased costs associated with writing and inspecting these types of licenses. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the title of the bill to correct the name of the Act.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDHE states enactment of the bill would increase fee revenue by \$85,015 for FY 2020 and beyond. Although the bill states the changes would become effective upon publication in the statute book, upon enactment, the agency states it would need to amend regulations. The fiscal note states fees would become effective in FY 2020. The bill would also increase the maximum fees allowed to be charged for licenses by 35.0 percent; however, the agency states it currently has no plans to increase fees other than establishing the multiple site fee. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.